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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

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NAIROBI FOR REDSO/EA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, RW

SUBJECT: RWANDA FOOD RELIEF

REF: BUCHANAN/CRIGLER TELCON FEB 16

1. FOLLOWING POINTS RESPOND QUESTIONS RAISED REF TELCON:

A. SUBSTITUTABILITY FSM COMMODITIES: GOAL FSM PROJECT IS PRICE STABILIZATION THREE MAIN STAPLE CROPS (BEANS, PEAS, SORGHUM). DURING USG FUNDING PHASE ALL EMPHASIS PLACED BEAN PRICE STABILIZATION. PROJECT IN PROCESS ACQUIRING SUFFICIENT BUFFER STOCK TO EXERT MODERATING INFLUENCE TRADITIONAL WIDE FLUCTUATION RETAIL BEAN PRICE. IN LATER PHASE PROJECT, STABILIZATION EFFORTS WILL INCLUDE PEAS AND SORGHUM, BUT PRESENT LEVEL WORKING CAPITAL/STORAGE

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FACILITIES WILL NOT PERMIT USE LATTER TWO COMMODITIES.

B. USE FSM BEANS: TEMPTATION TO USE FSM BEANS FOR EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION GREAT. HOWEVER DISTRIBUTION MORE THAN 1100 MT PRESENT BEAN STOCKS ON EMERGENCY BASIS WOULD PRECLUDE MARKET INTERVENTION ON NATIONWIDE SCALE LATER THIS YEAR WHEN SEASONAL INFLATIONARY PRESSURES GREATEST. WHILE THERE ALSO SOME RISK IN NOT DISTRIBUTING FSM BEANS, SINCE SOME ELEMENTS

GOR PROBABLY CONSIDER BEANS THEIRS FOR ANY USE, SENIOR OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND/SUPPORT CONCEPT FSM BUFFER STOCK VERSUS OPROVIA STRATEGIC STOCK, AND WE FORESEE NO DIFFICULTIES THIS REGARD.

C. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND FSM: EMERGENCY PACKAGE OUTLINED KIGALI 119 DESIGNED ASSIST GOR OVERCOME CRITICAL PROBLEMS FOOD IMPORTS/DISTRIBUTION IN COMING MONTHS. AS WITH USG EFFORTS SAHEL, MISSION/EMBASSY HAVE ATTEMPTED INCLUDE ELEMENTS LONG-TERM REFORM WHICH WE HOPE WOULD ALSO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD FUTURE REQUESTS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ARISING FROM LIMITED SHORTAGES ISOLATED AREAS IN COUNTRY. WITH OPROVIA CHARGED BY GOR CARRY OUT EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION, IMMEDIATE REHABILITATION ITS VEHICLE FLEET AND REORGANIZATION ITS WAREHOUSING, PEST CONTROL, AND DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES VITAL. THE FACT THAT A REORGANIZED, EFFECTIVELY MANAGED OPROVIA WOULD CONTRIBUTE SUCCESS FSM PROJECT SHOULD IN NO WAY DETRACT FROM ITS ELIGIBILITY RECEIVE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NOW.

D. UGANDAN BEANS: FOLLOWING GOR APPROACH, UGANDAN CHARGE HAS REQUESTED GOU ADVICE BEAN AVAILABILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION IN RWANDA. WILL ADVISE WHEN INFORMATION RECEIVED.

E. BEAN PRICE: OFFICIAL BEAN PRICE EX FARM GATE SET AT 20 RWF/KILO.

F. RATION: NUTRITIONAL EXPERTS HAVE SET INDIVIDUAL DAILY BEAN/SORGHUM RATION AT TWO HUNDRED GRAMS.

G. POPULATION AFFECTED: ALTHOUGH UNDER REVISION, GOR CONTINUES ASSERT 1.7 MILLION PERSONS AFFECTED BY CURRENT FOOD SHORTAGE. DONORS BELIEVE THIS ESTIMATE TOO HIGH AND UNTIL MORE PRECISE NUMBER ESTABLISHED, EMBASSY USING FIGURE OF 500,000. USING ABOVE RATION, DAILY EMERGENCY FOOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUIREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED MT NEEDED FOR DISTRIBUTION AFFECTED PERSONS. THIS CONSUMPTION ESTIMATE OF COURSE DOES NOT INCLUDE BEANS NEEDED FOR IMMEDIATE PLANTING, FOR WHICH WE AS YET UNABLE PROVIDE RELIABLE FIGURES.

H. WFP ACTIVITIES: LOCAL REP ADVISED THAT WFP AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE FURNISH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND IN PROCESS DETERMINING NATURE/AMOUNT THAT ASSISTANCE. WILL ADVISE.

2. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.  
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